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SUBJECT: DATA FOR ANNUAL CLAIMS REPORT

REF: STATE 103865

1. A. DATE OF CLAIM - JULY 1, 1968
B. AMOUNT OF CLAIM - \$7.6 MILLION
C. THIS CLAIM BY THE US GOVERNMENT AGAINST THE
GOVERNMENT OF ISRAEL IS FOR COMPENSATION FOR PHYSICAL
DAMAGES TO THE USS LIBERTY BY THE
ARMED FORCES OF ISRAEL ON THE SHIP AS IT LAY
IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS ON JUNE 8, 1967.
D. SINCE SUBMISSION OF THE LAST REPORT ON THIS
CLAIM TO THE CONGRESS, US EMBASSY TEL AVIV
HAS TAKEN THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS IN PURSUIT OF
THIS CLAIM:
--ON FEBRUARY 21, 1978, AMBASSADOR LEWIS DISCUSSED
THE MATTER WITH THE DIRECTOR GENERAL
OF THE ISRAELI MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
(SEE TEL AVIV 43537).
--ON FEBRUARY 22, 1978, A DIPLOMATIC NOTE
WAS PRESENTED TO THE GOI.
--ON APRIL 27, 1978, AMBASSADOR LEWIS RAISED
THE MATTER WITH THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF
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THE GOI, AHARON BARAK, TO WHOM THE MATTER HAD
BEEN REFERRED BY THE FOREIGN MINISTRY. ACCORDING
TO BARAK, HE AND THE FOREIGN MINISTRY
HAVE AGREED THAT AN AFFIRMATIVE RESPONSE SHOULD
BE MADE TO OUR NOTE OF FEBRUARY 22 AND THAT
CONCURRENCE IS NOW BEING SOUGHT FROM THE MINISTRIES
OF DEFENSE AND FINANCE TO NEGOTIATE A SETTLEMENT

OF THE CLAIM WITH US.

2. THE EMBASSY WILL CONTINUED TO PURSUE THE MATTER AND IS OPTIMISTIC THAT FURTHER PROGRESS WILL BE MADE BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT'S REPORT TO THE CONGRESS ON SEPTEMBER 30, 1978. WE WILL UPDATE THIS REPORT ACCORDINGLY.

3. WE HAVE NOT YET RECEIVED A COPY OF THE 1977 REPORT AS MENTIONED IN PARA 2 OF REFTEL.
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